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APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (X) Specification in 43 pages.
- (X) Drawings in 18 sheets.
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- (X) Priority:

This application claims priority from the following U.S. Provisional Patent Applications each of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference: Serial Number 60/466,653, filed April 29, 2003 and titled *Ventricular Restoration*; Serial Number 60/485,568, filed July 7, 2003 and titled *Systems, Devices and Methods of Use for Treating Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)*; Serial Number 60/488,292, filed July 18, 2003 and titled *Ventricular Sizing & Shaping Device and Method*; Serial Number 60/499,946, filed September 2, 2003 and titled *System and Method of Use to Employ Imaging Technology for Diagnosis, Measurement, Standardization, and Follow-up of Disease Processes and Determine Optimal Treatment*; Serial Number 60/500,762, filed September 4, 2003 and titled *Shaping Suture Device and Method of Use*; Serial Number 60/512,293, filed October 17, 2003 and titled *Less Invasive CHF Treatment - Reshaping the Heart*; Serial Number 60/518,270, filed November 5, 2003 and titled *Methods and Devices for Tracking Acute Myocardial Infarction*; and Serial Number 60/534,514, filed January 5, 2004 and titled *Squeeze Patch*. This application also claims priority from and is a continuation-in-part from co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/785,486, filed February 17, 2004 and titled *Patches and Collars for Medical Applications and Methods of Use*, which claims priority from and is a continuation from U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/224,659, filed April 23, 2002 and titled *Arteriotomy Closure Device and Techniques*, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/286,269, filed April 24, 2001 and titled *Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method*; from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/300,892, filed June 25, 2001 and titled *Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method*; and from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/302,255, filed June 28, 2001 and titled *Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method (Hemostatic Patch or Collar)* each of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. This application also claims priority from and is a continuation-in-part from co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/183,396, filed June 28, 2002 and titled *Patches and Collars for Medical Applications and Methods of Use*, which claims priority from and

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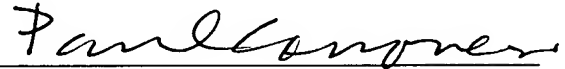
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